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Serial No.: 08/887,505  
Filed: 02 July 1997  
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HEPATITIS C VIRUS  
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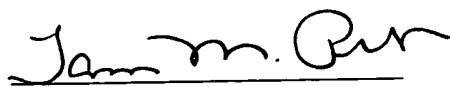
Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith for appropriate action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office is the following document

1. Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal;
2. Amendment (Responsive to Office Action dated 28 October 2002);
3. Appendix A - Pending Claims 1-31 and 42-46 (CLEAN VERSION);
4. Appendix B - Amended Claim 1, 29, and 43, and New Claim 46 (MARKED UP VERSION);
5. Petition for One Month Extension of Time; and
6. Postcard evidencing the same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct \$55.00 (one month extension) and any fees necessary from Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendment in response to the outstanding Final Office Action dated 28 October 2003. A petition for a one (1) month extension of time is submitted herewith, which extends the period of response from 28 January 2003 to 28 February 2003.

Please amend the above-referenced application as provided below.

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 and 43 as set forth in Appendix B.

Please add new claim 46 as set forth in Appendix B.

A clean version of the entire set of pending claims is set forth in Appendix A.